

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1400 without my signature.

I am very supportive of the intent of this bill to maintain the safety and well being of all students attending California Community Colleges (CCC). However, as drafted, the bill creates an uneven standard between students who could be denied admission because of criminal acts they may have committed in the past.

Since I am committed to having community colleges be both safe places for quality education, as well as open institutions of hope for all students, I am asking the CCC Board of Governors to work in collaboration with CCC Chancellor Scott to work on a policy that will most effectively address this issue for the campuses.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger